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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Investor(s): Douglas Croeni

Confirmation No.: 7399

Application No.: 09/916,043

Examiner: Cesar B. Paula

Filing Date: July 25, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2178

Title: PAGE LAYOUT DESIGN USING GEOMETRIC INTERFERENCE SCHEMA

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() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | | MINUS | | = 0 | X \$50 | \$ 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | | MINUS | | = 0 | X \$200 | \$ 0 |
| [] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | + \$360 | \$ 0 | |
| EXTENSION FEE | 1ST MONTH \$120.00 | 2ND MONTH \$450.00 | 3RD MONTH \$1020.00 | 4TH MONTH \$1590.00 | | \$ 0 |
| OTHER FEES | | | | | \$ | |
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Respectfully submitted,

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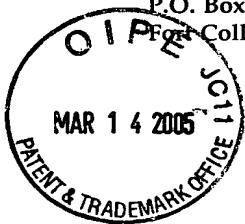
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2005, Applicant makes the following remarks and respectfully requests reconsideration:

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are extant in the case.

Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,640,010 B2 (Seeger). Examiner has rejected claims 3 through 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seeger in view of USPN 5,634,094 (Ueda). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and requests reconsideration.